

SHOCK MANAGEMENT/ FLUID RESUSCITATION

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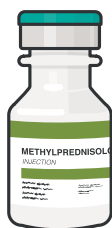
METHYLPREDNISOLONE

Used by Combat Medics (CM)

Corticosteroid (anti-inflammatory)

For use after blood product transfusion anaphylactic reaction.

DOSAGE(S):	10-40 mg
ROUTE(S):	IV or IO
CONTRA-INDICATIONS:	Systemic fungal infections and known hypersensitivity (prior allergic reaction); potential benefits may warrant use in pregnant women despite potential risks if the alternative is worse
POTENTIAL SIDE EFFECTS:	Sodium retention, fluid retention, potassium depletion, hyperglycemia, increased liver function tests, muscle weakness, impaired sweating, pancreatitis, esophagitis, urticaria or allergic reactions
DRUG INTERACTIONS:	Potential seizures with cyclosporin; decreased efficacy with phenytoin or rifampin; variable effects on anticoagulants



ONSET / PEAK / DURATION: Immediate/1-2 min/1 hr

TACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS: Administer 10-40 mg IV or IO, after first administering epinephrine and diphenhydramine, when treating an anaphylactic reaction from a blood product transfusion.